



## Discover with Nature in Alaska

Tap into your inner adventurer in Alaska. Find inspiration in emerald old-growth rainforests, staggeringly blue rivers and seas, Alaska Native cultures and a vast array of species alongside TNC experts. Explore the place where millions of migrating wild salmon return each year to spawn. See where grizzly and black bears, moose, orcas and humpback whales regularly roam.

Our journey narrows in on the territory of the Dena'ina people, the Kenai Peninsula, a wilderness located south of Anchorage that is home to iconic wildlife against a backdrop of glaciers, snow-capped mountains and spectacular waters. Amidst this stunning backdrop, spend the week with our climate scientists and learn how TNC is working to help local communities through Climate Solutions, Sustainable Fisheries and Thriving Communities.



Photos: Fireweed © Clark James Mishler; American Bald Eagle © Denise Maples/TNC

### Trip Highlights

- Scan for eagles, salmon, bears and moose during a guided rafting excursion on the Kenai River.
- Cruise the rugged coastline of Kenai Fjords National Park in search of whales, puffins and sea lions.
- Board the historic Alaska Railroad for a scenic backcountry rail tour.
- Travel with Alaska TNC staff and discuss the changing climate and how it is affecting this special landscape.



## Welcome to Alaska!

One of the world's last great wild places, Alaska is a shining example of how nature and people can thrive together. Its lush forests, rolling tundra, clear streams and extensive coastal waters support abundant fish and wildlife populations.

Alaskans have long relied on these rich resources for their culture, sustenance and livelihoods. The Nature Conservancy is working to ensure the long-term health of local communities by addressing the social, environmental and economic factors that affect them. By meeting the needs of people, conservation can become a priority.

We are working on lowering carbon emissions in Alaska, improving community resiliency and maximizing Alaska's climate-cooling carbon storage potential.

Photo: Glacier in Alaska © Giorgio Suighi/TNC

# Itinerary Overview

## Pre-Trip & Arrival

### Important Information

Your journey begins at 4:00 p.m. AKT on Saturday, August 22 in the lobby of The Lakefront Anchorage, located at 4800 Spenard Rd, Anchorage, AK 99517. Please plan your inbound flights accordingly so you can join Day 1 orientation and activities.

Once you arrive in Alaska, complimentary shuttles from Anchorage International Airport to The Lakefront Anchorage are provided by the Lakefront's team. When you land and gather your luggage, head to the Hotel Pickup area located outside the South Terminal; you may contact the Lakefront at (907) 243-2300 to alert them to your arrival and find information on the next available shuttle.

If you opt to fly in a day or more prior trip start, you are welcome to make reservations at any accommodation of choice in Anchorage, although many travelers choose to reserve additional pre-trip overnights at Lakefront Anchorage for ease.

## DAY 1

### Saturday, August 22

Welcome to Anchorage, Alaska!

At 4:00 p.m. AKT this afternoon, meet your trip leader and fellow travelers in the main lobby area of the Lakefront Anchorage hotel. Please dress casually and comfortably for this afternoon of touring the Anchorage Museum, followed by a special welcome dinner reception at a well-known local restaurant.

Over dinner, get to know your travel companions a bit better and connect with members of The Nature Conservancy to learn more about its important work in Alaska.

Overnight at The Lakefront Anchorage, Anchorage

## DAY 2

### Sunday, August 23

Bid farewell to the city of Anchorage and travel south along the Turnagain Arm to the small mountain community of Girdwood. Today's activities take us to the northernmost rainforests of Alaska on a guided hike through protected forest canopy. After the hike, take in more amazing sights as we ride the resort tram to the top of Mt. Alyeska for views of the seven surrounding glaciers. During the 8-minute tram ride, gain more than 2000 feet of elevation with a bird's eye view of winter ski routes and flower-covered valleys.

Late afternoon, we'll make a stop at the K'beq' Interpretive Site, which holds cultural significance to the Dena'ina Athabaskan Kenaitze Indian Tribe, who have been amazing stewards of the surrounding lands and waters for centuries.

Our destination this evening is Kenai Riverside Lodge, located on the banks of the turquoise waters of the Kenai River. A tour of the lodge grounds will introduce you to a large riverside deck with fire pit, self-guided nature paths, a wood-fired sauna and more! Appetizers and dinner are served in the main lodge this evening.

Overnight at Kenai Riverside Lodge, Cooper Landing





### Climate Solutions

We are working on lowering carbon emissions in Alaska, improving community resiliency and maximizing Alaska's climate-cooling carbon storage potential.

### Sustainable Fisheries

We're protecting Bristol Bay's salmon stronghold and the subsistence, sport and commercial fisheries it supports. We're also working to expand access for rural fishing families to participate in and benefit from Alaska's Limited Entry permit system.

### Thriving Communities

We're fostering sustainable growth that supports people and nature in places like Southeast Alaska and Bristol Bay. Our work includes community forest partnerships, Indigenous Guardians, restoration of forests and streams, and carbon initiatives.

Photo: Humpback Whales Bubble-Net Feeding in Kenai Fjords National Park, AK © David Shaw/TNC Photo Contest 2019

## Itinerary (cont.)

### Day 3

Monday, August 24

After a hearty breakfast in the main lodge, guides will outfit you in river gear for a full day, guided rafting adventure on the Kenai River. This activity requires no previous experience, and our local expert guides do all the rowing to free up your hands to take photos of wildlife visible from our unique vantage point on the water.

Explore the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge while your raft guide offers natural history interpretation and stories behind the sights. Scan for eagles and birds, salmon and trout swimming in the turquoise water, and possibly even moose or bears. Enjoy a delicious, gourmet-style lunch on the banks of the Kenai River.

This evening, return to the comforts of Kenai Riverside Lodge for dinner and relaxation.

Overnight at Kenai Riverside Lodge, Cooper Landing

### DAY 4

Tuesday, August 25

Enjoy a final breakfast at Kenai Riverside Lodge before taking a short yet scenic road shuttle to the stunning seacoast town of Seward. From the Seward small boat harbor, board a customized sea vessel bound for Kenai Fjords National Park – home to an array of glaciers and marine wildlife such as whales, Steller sea lions, sea otters, puffins and more! A half-day marine wildlife cruise will allow us to explore the rugged coastlines. Enjoy lunch in front of a glacier known for its calving activity before arriving at our exclusive lodge destination: Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge.

Nestled in a protected tidal lagoon area, the Glacier Lodge offers miles of pristine beachfront for exploring and views of the stunning Pedersen Glacier. This afternoon, meet your guides for a lodge orientation and settle into your private cabins. Enjoy dinner and evening presentations.

Overnight at Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge, Seward

### DAY 5-6

Wednesday, August 26-Thursday, August 27

Explore the wild delights of Kenai Fjords National Park for two full days. After breakfast, choose from a wide array of activities best suited to your energy level and interest. Guided options include naturalist-led walks, sea kayaking, group canoe paddles and more.

In the spirit of adventure and to take advantage of tidal and weather patterns, guides will discuss specific nature outings and options with our group in the mornings. All activities are suitable for beginners and require no previous experience. For those seeking to relax, the main lodge offers ideal comfort with direct views of nature. Sea otters and seals frequent the lagoon, just steps from the lodge deck. In a nearby meadow, we sometimes glimpse bears and other wildlife from a safe distance. Our natural history library offers amazing resources and interesting reads – cozy up with a good book and let your worries drift out with the tide!

Upon return to the main lodge, share stories from your day's adventure with other guests and join an evening natural history presentation, given by local expert guides or guest speakers.

Overnight at Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge



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## Day 7

Friday, August 28

Enjoy your final breakfast at Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge. This morning allows for another opportunity to kayak, canoe or beachcomb for a half-day before boarding our boat for the return wildlife cruise to Seward.

In Seward, board the first-class GoldStar cars of the historic Alaska Railroad for a scenic backcountry rail tour back to Anchorage. Enjoy a festive farewell dinner on the train.

Overnight at The Lakefront Anchorage, Anchorage

## DAY 8

Saturday, August 29

This morning, after breakfast, visit the renowned Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC), featuring amazing exhibits and the opportunity to meet local artisans from bush Alaska. ANHC is a living cultural center that promotes active observance of Alaska Native culture and traditions. As the only statewide cultural and education center dedicated to celebrating all cultures and heritages, ANHC serves as a statewide resource for Alaska Natives from birth until Elder.

We'll spend the first half of the day at this wonderful Center. If you're contemplating purchasing an authentic Alaskan and hand-crafted piece of art or souvenir, ANHC offers excellent options that support Alaskan Native artisans.

As we end our time together, shuttles to Anchorage International Airport will be offered beginning at noon. Earlier or later departures can be accommodated through The Lakefront Anchorage's 24/7 shuttle service.



Photos (left to right): Alaskan Glacier © Roland Taylor/TNC Photo Contest 2019; Brown Bears in the Kenai Peninsula, AK © Kristoff Druva/TNC Photo Contest 2023





## Trip Cost

Double Occupancy: \$6,595/person plus tax

Single Occupancy: \$8,195/person plus tax

2026 taxes are estimated at \$194.85 per person. This trip must have a minimum of 6 travelers and a maximum of 16.

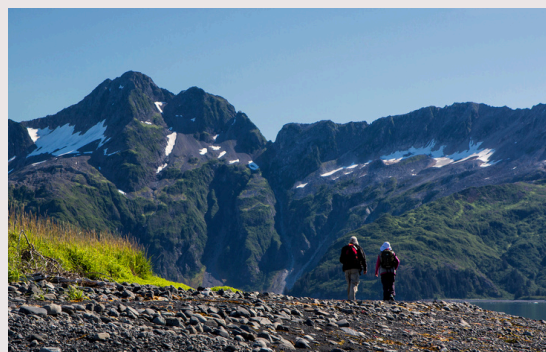
### This cost includes:

- Accommodations
- Group ground transportation
- All meals beginning with dinner on Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Day 6
- All activities
- All guides
- TNC hosts

### This cost excludes:

- Travel to and from trip start
- Travel insurance (Highly Recommended)
- Incidentals
- Alcohol

**Registration: Please email [travel@tnc.org](mailto:travel@tnc.org) to register.**



Photos (from top to bottom): View from Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge © Alaska Wildland Adventures; Hikers at KFGL © Alaska Wildland Adventures; Puffin in Flight © James Day/TNC; Hikers at KFGL © Alaska Wildland Adventures





## Payment & Cancellation Terms

To make trip payments or cancel your registration, please contact Alaska Wildland Adventures at [reservations@alaska-wildland.com](mailto:reservations@alaska-wildland.com).

### Deposit:

- \$1000 per person deposit due at the time of booking.
- Final payment of the remaining balance is due 90 days prior to departure (5/24/26).
- Deposit and final payment may be paid by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express) or personal check.

### Cancellation and penalties :

- Written cancellations must be received in Contractor's sales office in order for a cancellation to be valid. Non-appearance for program will result in no refund.
- Cancellation charges will be as follows:
- If Participants cancel prior May 24, 2026, 10% of the per person trip total amount is subject to forfeiture.
- If Participants cancel between May 25 and July 7, 2026, 50% of the per person trip total amount is subject to forfeiture.
- If Participants cancel after July 8, 2026, 100% of the per person trip total amount is subject to forfeiture.

## Contact Information

As you plan for your journey with The Nature Conservancy and Alaska Wildland Adventures, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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## TNC Travel Values

### ● Access

Travel with renowned Conservancy experts and local partners for an exclusive, on-the-ground experience. You won't just see amazing places, you'll see how you are helping save them.

### ● Impact

Witness how your commitment to our planet and your passion for conservation are making a difference in the wild places and communities you are impacting.

### ● Knowledge

Learn how we are applying the latest cutting-edge science to affect global change and drive conservation.

### ● Inspiration

Immerse yourself in local cultures and awe-inspiring landscapes to foster your own connection to our world.

### ● Globally Minded

Elevate your understanding of our work by observing first-hand how TNC and our partners act locally and how we turn local results in to global impact by scaling solutions that work.

Photo: Davis Mountain Preserve, TX © Jerod Foster





## TNC Traveler Expectations

Group travel with The Nature Conservancy provides our donors with the opportunity to experience, alongside fellow supporters, the places TNC is working collaboratively to advance our conservation mission. Within these curated trips is the chance to engage with a community of active individuals and conservation staff who enjoy teaching and learning about the important conservation work we do and exploring the outdoors.

In order to ensure an enjoyable trip environment that supports learning and enrichment, we need your partnership. We ask that all participants review TNC's Code of Conduct prior to joining a trip. We also encourage you to carefully review all trip information to make an informed decision as to whether travel with TNC and a specific trip's characteristics and activities are right for you. Following the Code is an expectation and responsibility for everyone in the larger TNC community, including our staff, partners, vendors and supporters. To that end, by registering for a TNC trip, you agree to uphold the Code.

While the entire Code of Conduct is important, the tenets that are especially relevant to TNC group travel are:

- respect for each other,
- respect for the world around us, and
- acting with integrity.

The following traveler expectations are intended to provide guidance for how those tenets translate to group travel but are by no means an exhaustive list. By participating in a TNC trip, you make a commitment to act in accordance with the TNC Code of Conduct to your fellow travelers, as well as to TNC staff, partners, community members and vendors. Any violation of or disregard for the Code of Conduct may result in removal from a trip and/or denial of future TNC travel participation.



# TNC Traveler Expectations (cont.)

- **Respect all people, places and perspectives.**

Each participant on a trip is an integral part of the travel experience. Demonstrating respect and consideration is imperative not only for nature, local communities and cultures in the places we visit, but also for fellow travelers, staff, partners, community members and vendors. Everyone will bring different goals, backgrounds, experiences and abilities, and it is important that the group respect each individual's perspectives and needs throughout the trip. Sometimes trip participants become lifelong friends, and we encourage the camaraderie and community built through these shared experiences!

- **Harassment in all its forms, including discrimination and microaggressions, is not tolerated.**

There is no place on any TNC travel experience for disrespect to or bullying or intimidation of fellow travelers, TNC staff, partners, community members or vendors. All travelers agree to support an environment free from any behavior that could make an individual feel unsafe or diminish their dignity. If you experience or observe this type of behavior on a trip, please report it to your trip host or guide.

Examples of behavior that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited, to:

- Racial discrimination in any form (jokes, comments and/or actions)
- Verbal abuse of any traveler, staff, partner, community member or vendor
- Actions or statements that exclude or divide people because of their differences or differing perspectives
- Jokes about gender or sexual orientation or that include sexual innuendo
- Discriminatory actions or statements based on gender or sexual orientation
- Unwelcome physical contact or physical intimidation of a sexual nature

- **Act in accordance with the applicable law of the location(s) of the trip.**

Your trip location(s) may have different laws from your home location. You are expected to be aware of and adhere to the trip destination's laws throughout the experience, even when locations change throughout a trip.

- **Employ an attitude of flexibility.**

At times, there may be changes in the itinerary when deemed necessary or advisable for the comfort and well-being of trip members. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility and adaptability in order to make the trip safe and enjoyable for you and everyone else.

**TNC and its tour operators reserve the right to deny registration or remove a tour participant from a trip should such person's behavior, health or mental condition impact the safe and equitable operation of the trip.**

**Thank you for your attention and understanding, and please let a TNC travel representative know if you have any questions in advance of registering at [travel@tnc.org](mailto:travel@tnc.org).**

